



A-BOMB BLAST? Mushroom cloud, resembling atomic blast, ascended over Schultz Industrial Supply Co., destroyed by fire Dec. 9 at 1656 Hilltop road, St. Joseph township. Explosion, caused by industrial oil and grease, was photographed by David Arndt. Photograph appears today, because it originally was in color, converted to black and white. Meanwhile Louis Schultz,

firm president, said business over the weekend was moved from temporary site on Niles avenue to a second, larger location on Hilltop at State, in building formerly owned by Michigan State Highway department. St. Joseph Improvement Association is current owner of building.

## Michigan Death Toll Climbs

# Snowmobilers—Be Careful!

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The State Natural Resources Department has issued a special plea for snowmobile safety while reporting four snowmobilers were killed in

accidents over the past weekend and two are reported missing in the Saginaw Bay area.

Two of the victims were killed on state highways when struck by cars. Another met death when he rammed into a ditch after crossing a road. The fourth fatality occurred when a snowmobiler plunged into a drainage ditch after apparently missing a bridge on a back woods trail.

(Two snowmobilers have been killed in Berrien county this year on public roadways—one in January and another this month.)

State police also have mounted an intensive search for two snowmobilers who failed to return from the ice-covered area of Saginaw Bay.

The two highway deaths continue a trend in snowmobile fatalities, as more than half of the deaths related to the machine have taken place on highways.

State Police Sgt. Donald Calcaterra of the safety and traffic

division reminded enthusiasts that in the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula, snowmobiles may not be run on roadways and road shoulders. Exceptions are the crossing of bridges or culverts or highways not classified as limited access routes.

Snowmobiles may operate on unplowed highway portions of the two northern zones when they move with the flow of road traffic.

In the southern Lower Peninsula, Calcaterra said, snowmobiles may not operate anywhere within the road rights of way or on road shoulders.

Throughout Michigan, snowmobiles may operate on plowed county roads only when they are marked open to operation by county officials.

Robert Dyke, head of the Natural Resources Department marine safety division said as a general rule ice may not be considered safe for snowmobiles unless it is at least five inches thick.

It is a good idea to test ice with an auger or a spud before venturing out with a snowmobile, Dyke said.

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## Phone Receiver Is Versatile

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The phone book doesn't say what to do if two would-be robbers cut the receiver cord while you're trying to dial for help, so Nancy Jacobson improvised.

The 20-year-old, 124-pound clerk for a combination dry cleaning store/gas station clobbered the two masked intruders with the phone receiver Monday night and sent them fleeing.

She was working alone when two men—one with a knife—walked into the store and told her to open the cash register.

"I told them I wouldn't," she said. "I knew I had to do something."

She rushed to the wall phone and dialed the operator, but the man with the knife slashed through the receiver cord. So she grabbed the wire and clubbed both men with the receiver.

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. planes made the heaviest attack of the war on the Hanoi-Haiphong area during the night. The attack was the costliest of the war to the United States, with the U.S. Command reporting two B52 heavy bombers and an F111 fighter-bomber lost and eight American fliers missing. Seven other American airmen were rescued.

North Vietnam charged that nearly 100 civilians were killed or wounded in attacks on Hanoi and its suburbs. But it said President Nixon's attempt to bomb it into submission would not force it to accept his peace terms.

Hanoi claimed that three B52s and three fighter-bombers were shot down and said a number of the fliers were captured. The U.S. Command said it had no additional losses to report for the time being, leaving open the possibility that other American planes may have been lost but the search for the crewmen is still under way.

It was the heaviest one-day loss in men and material that the United States has suffered in the air war. The two B52s and the F111 cost a total of \$31 million.

A total of 14 B52s now have been lost during the 7½ years America's biggest bombers have been flying in the Vietnam war, but only one of them previously was downed by enemy fire, on Nov. 23.

Although the U.S. Command withheld most information about the resumption of the air war north of the 20th parallel, one senior American official said hundreds of planes took part in the raids, and some targets in the Hanoi-Haiphong industrial complex were hit for the first time in the war.

There were indications that more than 100 B52s, or most of those available, were used. For the first time in memory, the U.S. Command today gave no information on B52 strikes in South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. A spokesman refused to say whether this meant the entire force had been shifted to the attack on North Vietnam.

The U.S. Command also reported less than 200 U.S. fight-

er-bomber strikes in South Vietnam Monday, about half as many as usually are flown. This indicated a major diversion of the smaller aircraft also to the attack in the North.

Authoritative sources reported a fifth aircraft carrier was operating in the Tonkin Gulf, in addition to the four normally there. This increased the fight-

er-bomber force further. Military sources said President Nixon had ordered the shutdown on official information about the attacks.

"We never have been under such tight restrictions," said one experienced officer in the U.S. Command.

The Command did announce that U.S. Navy ships had re-

sumed surface gunfire attacks north of the 20th parallel but gave no details.

U.S. spokesmen said the two B52s probably were hit by SAMs, the surface-to-air missiles supplied to North Vietnam by the Soviet Union.

One of the B52s went down 30

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UNSCHEDED STOP: This taxi was turned into a yard light pole in Coloma township early today to stop it from being taken from cab driver. Coloma township police said cab driver, Ollie Daisy, 52, ran along side cab, forcing open a vent window and turning the car into pole to keep another man from driving it away. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## Better Believe It—That's His Cab!

COLOMA — A driver for the Twin Cities cab company wasn't about to let someone swipe his cab early today.

Police said Daisy caught the man nearby however and was bringing him back to the cab when the man broke away, jumped into the cab, and started driving away.

Coloma township police said the driver, Ollie Daisy, became involved after he reported bringing a man from Benton Harbor to the Wil-O-Paw drive area in the township. According to officers, the passenger fled on foot when asked for the fare.

Daisy said the man threatened to "kill him" as he pursued him on foot after the crash and that a rifle was pointed at him when he reached a house on Woodland court.

Arrested by officers on charges of attempting to unlawfully drive away a car and assault with a deadly weapon was Jerry Duane Johnson, 4755 Woodland court, Coloma.

Police said they confiscated a small caliber rifle from Johnson's home address in the arrest.

## Woman Accused Of Defrauding Welfare On \$530 Dental Pay

A Benton township woman who allegedly received a welfare check for dental work that was never done requested a hearing Monday in Fifth district court on a charge of welfare fraud over \$500.

According to Jack Struwin, assistant prosecuting attorney for social services. Mrs. Patricia Berry, 26, Route 2, Britain

avenue, received \$530 in May, 1970, for dental care for her and her two children based on an estimate from a dentist. The work was never done, Struwin stated. Mrs. Berry was receiving ADC payments at the time, and the \$530 was in addition to her welfare grant.

Mrs. Berry was released pending hearing on \$200 personal recognizance bond.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# Lions Are Great Peoples

As the Weatherman measures things, Friday was another dud in this year's long string of strikeouts.

It wasn't biting cold, but a stiff wind came in over the lake and the afternoon's snow did not contribute to the pedestrian's or the driver's peace of mind.

In short, it was a normal day for our Good Fellow Newsie sale.

In the 20 seasons the St. Joseph Lions have turned out to deliver the Sunday punch against a gloomy Christmas for the less fortunate it is hard to recall when anything close to a Caribbean atmosphere has expedited their work.

Possibly in spite of our uncertain Michigan weather, these men make up their minds to do a great job, and the '72 sale had the Good Fellow cash register ringing up another record.

Between the three groups covering our territory—the St. Joe club, the Bridgeman Lions and the LMC boys and girls—close to \$3,100 worth of our special edition was sold.

At this writing that's better than 65 per cent of the total on hand, which will give

the reader an understanding of how vital the Newsie sale is to the Good Fellow endeavor.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure for the past 19 years to try to express our thanks to this luncheon club and in more recent seasons to their welcome allies.

The only difference we can put on this "thank you" is to say it is equally pleasurable to note this is the 20th time.

Every sale has had its humorous moments and weather takes the honors this time.

Jack Imbs, a member of the St. Joseph club, commented after the sale that the snow-clogged streets helped substantially toward filling his sock.

Giving a motorist a push out from a skidgy parking spot was an automatic sale, he reports.

To Friday's customers, those stuck and those unstuck, we say thanks for being a Good Fellow.

Several hundred persons will be feeling better this week because you bought a paper.

# Doling Out Coffee

Housewives who find coffee a sore subject were not elated by the action of delegates from 21 producing nations who voted in London to hold exports of the bean to 11 million bags in the first three months of 1973. The coffee countries hope this will hold the price at the present level or drive it higher.

The price of the green coffee bean has risen 25 percent in the U.S. in the last year. Free competition in the international coffee market would bring the price of coffee down, perhaps to one-half its present level, importers say.

There are several things wrong with the basic concept of an artificially regulated market. The first is the obvious fact the consumer pays a subsidy on each pound of coffee to uplift the economies of other lands through artificially high prices for their products.

Another thing wrong with it is that it freezes the economic stagnation prevalent in most one product countries. If the Brazilians are able to maintain an artificially high coffee price, who needs to worry about developing new industries?

Also, what is more divisive among nations than the splitting up of a juicy plum? How long will Colombia settle for 13 percent of the total exported crop, or the various African states which produce coffee settle for a lesser share? With the present high level of coffee prices, what is to prevent minor coffee exporters who are not parties to the agreement from undercutting the major producers?

There is no magic formula for pleasing both the consumer and producer of any product, but the free market philosophy creates fewer enmities than the controlled market with its parceled out territories.

# Prison Crime

The question of control of major penitentiaries which house dangerous criminals has been raised again, this time in Massachusetts. The head of the U.S. Justice Department's New England strike force on organized crime has charged about 10 of the meanest inmates of top-security Walpole Prison run the institution on a system of fear and rewards.

Backing the charge is the district attorney of the county in which Walpole and nearby Norfolk State Prison are located. More than 30 prisoners have been stabbed in the two prisons this year, resulting in a dozen deaths. Officials say many of the victims were gangland executions.

It is a disheartening story not only in-

volving control of the prisons but of the manner in which convicted men are thrown together irrespective of their crimes or temperaments. If it is possible for a handful of criminals among thousands to effectively organize a prison population to the extent they can order executions on the premises, should these men have been there in the first place?

Is there no area in the prison system where hardened criminals leaders in the underworld, can be placed in isolation from the remainder of the prison population? Massachusetts certainly is not alone in this problem. It is a question prison systems everywhere need to answer.

# Mobility Revisited

Mobility of the population long has been noted as one of the factors which contribute to growth and prosperity. People free to move about as they wish help put together the pieces of the economic puzzle by responding to new opportunities and abandoning those which have run their course.

Europe provides marked contrasts in mobility and the effect its presence or lack has on the relative economies. Western Europe has a high degree of

mobility, with many thousands of workers welcomed into countries like Switzerland and West Germany where labor shortages in skilled trades are acute.

East Europe has a low velocity. The systems of centralized planning by the state and closely guarded borders work against the desires of the people to change locations or jobs. The contrast in economic activity between the two halves of the continent is dramatic. The West is thriving, the East is surviving.

Poland recently decided to relax its border restrictions somewhat, presumably to show its support for the policy of detente. It was not a clear case of East-West confrontation, anyway, since the border involved was with East Germany.

Nevertheless, the people of Poland responded as though their lives depended upon the relaxed rules, which in some cases may not be too far from the truth. Warsaw initially had estimated the number of crossings into East Germany over a short period might total one million. Instead, 18 million crossings were made, many of the travelers taking their money with them.

Poland's officials underestimated the popularity of getting one border closer to the West. They have since placed a \$50 limit on funds which can be taken out of the country, but the border is still well traveled by millions who had not experienced the joys of mobility in years.

All?



# GLANCING BACKWARDS

## LANCERS SINK VALLEY

—1 Year Ago—

Lakeshore put on its own version of the "All in The Family" show last night at the Lancers' gym. Playing the lead roles were brothers Bud and Charlie Shafer.

The dynamic duo combined for 37 points and pulled down 25 of the Lancers' 29 rebounds to spark Lakeshore to a 82-73 victory over River Valley. The victory elevated Lakeshore's Blossomland ratings. The Lancers are now tied with Brandywine for the league lead, both supporting 2-0 records.

## ANDREWS GOES ELECTRONIC

—10 Years Ago—

The Management committee of Andrews university voted this week to lease from International Business Machines basic equipment necessary to establish an electronic data processing center.

The equipment will consist of six units — Model 21 Interpreter and Punch, Sorter, Collator, Reproducer, Verifier, and Accounting — Printing Machine. The center will be used by both the registrar's and business offices.

## ARIAWE PENINSULA IN ALLIED HANDS

—29 Years Ago—

The American troops enlarged their invasion foothold on Japan's New Britain stronghold today, and allied air forces kept the enemy on the defensive by striking at this and other vital points along the Pacific front.

Soldiers of the U.S. Sixth Army fought their way to control of the entire Cape Merkus peninsula in the Arawe sector on the southwest coast of New Britain, and General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced the advance in the four-day old campaign was continuing.

The equipment will consist of

## THE FAMILY LAWYER

### Forced Handwriting



infringement upon the spirit of the constitutional privilege.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. Written by Will Bernard.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

### BUS ACTION TOO LATE?

Editor.

Can someone please tell me why? Why must a little boy's precious life be wiped out—in order to get action on rectifying the hazardous school busing system? This hazard has been brought to the attention of the River Valley school authorities and the state police on occasions too numerous to mention over the years but no such action has been taken to prevent these children from being seriously injured or killed. Now that it is too late, the situation has been rectified.

The defendant in a forgery trial was requested to write something with a backward slant, since the document in question had been written that way.

Again, the court said he would have to comply. The court reminded him that the odd style of writing would be especially helpful in exonerating him if he was truly innocent.

Still, a defendant might properly object to the content, rather than the form, of writing. In another case, involving fake claims against the government, the defendant was asked to write down the specific names that had been used in the falsified papers.

This time, when he refused, the court decided he was justified. The court said that by complying with the request, he might be tying himself directly into the crime.

Compelling him to do so, added the judge, would be "an

## HOME FOR HOLIDAY

—39 Years Ago—

Dr. Robert W. King has arrived from Seattle, Wash., to spend Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. King of Lake Boulevard. The Robert Pattersons will be here from Detroit to spend the holidays with Mrs. Patterson's parents.

## BENEFIT PLAY

—49 Years Ago—

A capacity audience at St. Joseph high school greeted the production, "Baby Mine," by Mert Hamlin and his Clark Players of Buchanan. It was staged under auspices of the St. Joseph Kiwanis club to benefit the children's playground.

## FOUR DAY RUN

—59 Years Ago—

For four days next week the Caldwell theater will present the Golds in their latest act, "Dance Mad," introducing the tango and all the latest dance whirls. They come here directly from Shanley's New York theater.

## ADDING TO FLEET

—81 Years Ago—

Drake & Wallace are building 25 row boats to add to their fleet of boats and also will build a yacht or two.

## BERRY'S WORLD

Editor.

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Roy Cromley

# General Staff System Tested



fringes of metropolitan areas, whereas the people looking for work are located in the center."

What's wanted, the Nixon planners believe, is some sort of clearing house similar to the National Security Council, where goals would be decided and painstakingly defined, and where all existing and proposed programs would be analyzed to determine whether or not they fit these overall aims.

Thus Treasury Secretary George R. Shultz's role as head of a newly created Council of Economic Policy, with representatives of the Labor, Commerce, Agriculture, State and Treasury departments and the Council of Economic Advisers, the Office of Management and the Budget, the Cost of Living Council and the Council on International Economic Policy.

It is expected that the new initiative in economic policy, foreign and domestic, would originate in this council or be screened here. The member departments and agencies would be, more than ever before, executive agencies, responsible less for policy than for the efficient administration of the policies and programs decided on.

In his efforts to achieve more efficient management, the President curiously is coming closer to the military system of a general staff which concentrates on policies and field commands which concentrate on carrying out those policies.

You may have noticed it only subliminally, but there has been percolating up in liberal-left circles a decidedly jaundiced view of JFK, and—by extension—of the entire Kennedy family operation. It began about four years ago in the pages of the New York Review of Books and other small-circulation organs as well as in the academic revisionism of writers like Ronald Steel ("Pax Americana," "Imperialists and Other Heroes"). It has now surfaced for the big audiences in David Halberstam's book on Vietnam, "The Best and the Brightest," and has been given a large boost by the New York Times in that brilliantly malevolent article on Dr. Max Jacobson, the Manhattan amphetamine dispenser who was shot to death in 1968.

Politically, Halberstam is arguing that Adlai Stevenson should have had the nomination in 1960, and, had that happened, wisdom would have prevailed and there would have been no Vietnam. Unfortunately for this thesis, the nomination of the twice-defeated Stevenson would have virtually guaranteed the victory of Richard Nixon.

In its view of the war and of the Kennedys, Halberstam's book adds little to the earlier polemics of Ronald Steel, though it provides a kind of 700-page riot of completely unverifiable and highly entertaining Washington gossip—reportedly fed to Halberstam by Roger Hilsman, a disaffected New Frontiersman. To the extent that the Halberstam view gains popular acceptance, the Kennedy aura is bound to suffer.

The Times article on Dr. Jacobson was also an oblique, but certainly deliberate, attack on JFK. First the article depicts at length and in bizarre detail the atmosphere surrounding Dr. Jacobson and his souped-up shots.

"I couldn't live without it," said one patient. "Sometimes I couldn't get a vial—Dr. Jacobson would go away or something. People would be lining up in the waiting room. There would be pan-demonium."

But into the midst of all this, coyly held back for a number of paragraphs, drops JFK—a Jacobson patient, so dependent on this particular doctor that he took him along to the Vienna session with Premier Khrushchev! "The most famous of the doctor's patients were President and Mrs. Kennedy. Dr. Jacobson frequently visited the White House and often traveled with the Kennedys. In 1961, for example, he went with the President to Vienna for the summit meeting with Khrushchev, and Dr. Jacobson said in an interview, 'I gave the President injections there.' Shades of Rasputin!"



John Berry

"... Bless you... Bless you..."

# THE HERALD-PRESS

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1972

## Sewage Disposal Board Looks For New Plant Chief

### Confirm Former Boss Dismissed

BY RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Expansion of the Twin Cities sewage disposal plant has put the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph joint sewer board in the market for a new plant superintendent, because of mounting administrative duties required.

Edwin L. Johnson, plant superintendent since 1964, has been relieved of his duties by the operating board, which praised Johnson for technical skills, while noting an alleged lack of administrative-management training.

John Steffoff, chairman of the joint sewer board, confirmed the dismissal, saying that Johnson's affiliation with the plant will officially end Dec. 31.

EDWIN JOHNSON  
Dismissed

## SJ Township Names 2 Tax Assessors

Robert G. Feather, Oronoko township supervisor, and Harold E. Morrison, St. Joseph township building inspector, were appointed 1973 tax assessors by the St. Joseph township board Monday.

Supervisor Orval L. Benson said he does not have the time to do the assessing. Recent changes in tax assessing on the state and local levels make it mandatory for St. Joseph township to name the assessors, Benson told the board Monday night.

Feather holds a class II assessors' certification after passing assessor's examination, Benson said.

Benson said payment for Feather and Morrison as assessors has not yet been determined.

St. Joseph township will wait until it hears from the state tax commission and various county school districts before it takes up the question of appealing a tax exempt Case. Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns ruled the American Society of Agricultural Engineers is an educational, scientific institution entitled to real and personal property tax exemption.

The society built its headquarters at 2950 Niles road, St. Joseph, and appealed township assessment of taxes on its building.

Benson said he discussed sanitary sewer installation with representatives of Balkema Inc., Kalamazoo development and sewer contractors. Benson reported work on laying the sewer system in the township will start along Cleveland avenue.

Cleveland avenue was picked because it is scheduled to be rebuilt as soon as the sewer is installed. Then the contractors will turn their attention to Fairplain.

Rebuilding of Cleveland also figures in another matter. The Berrien county road commission informed the township board that the county can't construct bicycle trails along Cleveland when it rebuilds the road.

The commission was responding to an inquiry and petition filed by Cub Scout Den 4, St. Joseph. The commission said in effect it was prohibited from using road funds for anything but roads.

But Township Clerk Bill Payne Smith quoting from a new highway law said: "The state and all local units of government must spend one half of one per cent of the nearly \$500 million they receive annually from the state Motor Vehicle Highway

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### Fire Probe Requested

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—A coalition of citizens groups has called for investigation of the Ann Arbor Fire Department's handling of a fire which destroyed the Ann Arbor Community Center Friday.

### Look Ahead

TROY, Mich. (AP) — A six-man committee to work on conversion to metric standards of measurement has been formed by the Rockwell-Standard Division of North American Rockwell Corp.



ROBERT G. FEATHER



HAROLD E. MORRISON



OVER THE TOP: Mrs. Marylea Benedix, N-P Good Fellow fund accountant, receives checks for \$94.23 Monday from Lawrence Scherer (left), president of Transworld Volkswagen, and Sales Manager Frank Sciotto. Checks, which pushed fund \$5 over \$7,500 goal, were raised through auction of gifts and prizes Saturday at annual Christmas party for employees of Transworld Volkswagen, General Auto Sales, Transworld Sunoco station and National Car Rental, all of Benton Harbor. The four firms are owned by Scherer and Everett Burnette of Keeler. (Staff photo)

### \$7,505 For Santa N-P Fund Goes Over The Top!

News-Palladium Good Fellows have crossed the goal with \$5 to spare.

The Good Fellow fund today hit \$7,505 with \$166.23 in new contributions which means that Santa Claus will be able to carry out those worthy intentions he announced in November—Christmas remembrances for the elderly, gifts for needy children and a contribution to the Berrien Drug treatment center.

The sewage treatment plant on Industrial island, St. Joseph, is being expanded to extend service beyond the Twin Cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. Construction is nearing completion on the \$4.9 million project that will increase treatment capacity from an average of 8 million gallons a day to 13 million gallons daily average and a maximum of 19.5 million gallons daily. The plant presently removes 75 to 80 per cent of impurities in waste water, while new facilities will up to 90-95 per cent, or more.

Phases of the expansion project gradually are being swung into operation, but the total project won't be completed until spring.

Johnson, at 47, took the superintendent's post in January, 1964. He came here from Sault Ste. Marie, after getting his start in East Lansing, working up from beginner and leaving as plant superintendent. He also has supervised two small plants at Sterling township near Mt. Clemens. He is a native of Marine City. When Johnson came to the Twin Cities, the treatment plant was ranked Class A, but one of the smaller ones in its class in Michigan.

Others doing their bit to reach the goal today are UAW Local 383, representing workers at Bendix Hydraulics Division, with \$25; Children of St. Paul's Episcopal church, St. Joseph, with \$15; District

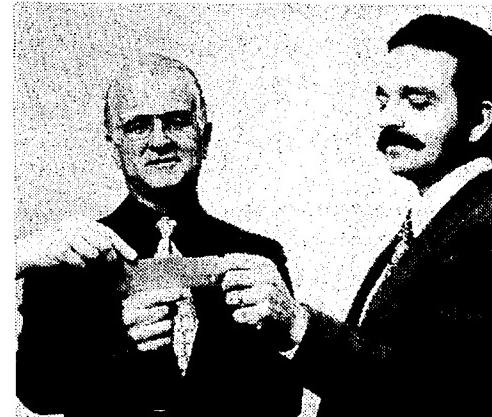
Judge John T. Hammond returned a \$10 verdict for the Good Fellow fund.

Also joining in are the Bachelor Mrs. Extension club, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berry, \$5; Geraldine Preston, \$5; and the Harold Hafer family of Stevensville, \$5.

And there was \$2 more added to the Exchange club Newsie sale putting that effort at \$3,789.77 or about

half the Good Fellow total.

A gift last week from Lillian and Iris Nudelman in memory of Sam Nudelman was inadvertently credited to Lillian and Doris Nudelman. And the name of Mrs. C. Hines was omitted from the original list of persons and firms Friday buying Newsie editions with checks. Her's was for \$10.



THE HAND OF ANONYMITY: One of the biggest boosts for the 1972 News-Palladium Good Fellow fund was a \$500 check from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Gift which arrived Monday is admired by Gene Brooks (left), chairman of Exchange club Newsie sale, and Fred Peden, club president. Newsies did all right, too. They collected \$3,789.77 for Good Fellow fund. (Staff photo)

### Don't Hide Your Fire Hydrants

"Dig out those fire hydrants" urged Assistant Fire Chief George Nichols of St. Joseph Township Station No. 2 in speaking to township trustees Monday night.

Nichols said the most important minute in fighting a fire is when the firemen arrive and water be directed to the fire.

Nichols said firemen had to use pick axes to break up the frozen snow and ice on a hydrant at Napier and Broadmoor.

Nichols was at the township meeting to report on what the two departments buy with the money they make selling Christmas trees. He said the firemen had purchased metal cutting saws for use in freeing car wreck victims, first aid supplies, saws capable of going through heavy timbers and a long list of equipment and supplies.

Over \$1,000 has been raised for the firemen's fund the past eight years or so.

### Hartford Man Returns Lost Purse Good Samaritans Do Exist

BY ROGER WELSHANS

Staff Writer

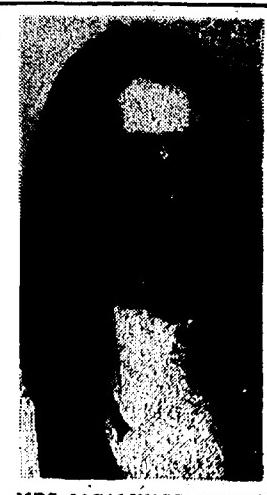
Good Samaritans, particularly in a blinding snowstorm, are nearly nonexistent these days, but there's at least one still around—Thomas Parkison.

Mrs. Jacalyn Schmidke, 19, Baroda, reports that she and her husband, Craig, were heading from Baroda to Lawrence on I-94 last Friday night when they exited at Coloma to escape heavy traffic at 9:30 p.m. At the top of the exit ramp, Jacalyn got out of the car to clean the car's wipers. "When I slid across the seat, I must have knocked my purse out," she said. "We didn't notice the purse was gone until we were five miles down the road, and had no idea where it was."

Parkison, of 14 South East street, Hartford, exited I-94 at the same spot about 10 p.m. He was on his way from his tropical fish store in Benton township to a similar store in Hartford when he decided to pull off to eat. He spotted Mrs. Schmidke's purse, containing \$70, a checkbook, driver's license and numerous keys, lying in the snow beside the road, and stopped to pick it up after seeing three other cars pass it.

Parkison found the owner's phone number in the purse and called for nearly two hours before reaching the just-returned couple shortly before midnight. Jacalyn went to Hartford Saturday to get her purse.

Mrs. Schmidke said Parkison wouldn't accept her offered reward, and she wanted to do more than just thank him, so she came to this paper. "I was so thankful to get my purse back that I wanted others to know about it," she said.

MRS. JACALYN SCHMIDKE  
She's Grateful

## Cleveland Will Be Widened For 600 Feet

New Street May Lessen Intersection Hazard

In St. Joseph

Cleveland avenue is going to be widened to four lanes—at least 600 feet of it.

The St. Joseph city commission last night gave its approval to a state highway department plan that will widen the much-traveled north-south artery from the present intersection with Lake Shore drive (Bus. Loop I-94) at Dickinson Stadium to a point 600 feet south.

The plan also calls for a new street to be cut across city property approximately 120 feet south of the present intersection. The street would run north and south and would create a new intersection on Lake Shore drive.

City Manager Leland Hill said that "hopefully, a traffic signal would be erected by the state at one of the two intersections and the project will greatly increase the safety factor of the area."

Cost of the project will be \$66,000, half of which will be paid by the City of St. Joseph and half by the federal government. The state highway department would do the work.

Hill said the city's share would come out of the street resurfacing and rebuilding fund.

Contracts for the work are expected to be let in March. The city, at the insistence of the federal government, passed a resolution authorizing execution of an annual contributions contract with the Public Housing Authority (PHA).

The actual contract was first entered into in 1964 and last night's action amended the original contract so that the city can now receive subsidies from the federal government to help defray some of the expenses of upkeep of Lakeview Terrace.

As explained by City Atty. A. G. Preston Jr., "The amended contract allows the city to receive contributions from the federal government which we have previously been denied."

William T. Watt, president of the Fort Miami Heritage Society, asked the city to share in the cost of restoring the Columbian Exhibition statue on St. Joseph's lakefront.

Watt told the commissioners that the society has started a fund to which two contributions have already been made.

Watt stated that an "expert from Kalamazoo who is capable of restoring the statue" will visit St. Joseph in the near future to inspect the weather-beaten landmark.

"The society will pay for this work," said Watt, "and we hope the city will contribute the service of its employees in some phases of the work."

Watt also asked permission for a tag day "sometime in May" and was assured by Mayor Franklin Smith that permission would be granted for the sale by the commission. Proceeds would go toward the total restoration cost.

The commission will take a two week holiday break now with no more meetings scheduled until Jan. 8.

## Lakeshore Band

### Event Wednesday

Lakeshore high school band concert is to be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It had originally been scheduled for Dec. 12, but was postponed because of bad weather. Admission is free.

The bands will be directed by Arnold Lesser.

## BH Man Must Find Job Or Go To Jail

Frank Smith, Jr., of 719 East High street, Benton Harbor, was given 30 days to find a job Monday by Berrien circuit Judge William S. White or face a 30-day jail sentence for failing behind in his child support payments.

Smith was found in contempt of court for a support arrearage of \$330, was placed on six months probation and was ordered to pay \$15 a week in support payments for two children receiving ADC assistance in Berrien county. George Westfield, Berrien friend of court, reported.

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## \$1.6 Million Project Gets Dowagiac Okay

DOWAGIAC — A proposal for an 80-unit housing project, which includes residents who would receive federal rent subsidies, was given a vote of approval by the Dowagiac city council last night.

The project would be located on 10 acres near Cleveland and

Orchard streets on the Dowagiac's northwest side. It would be developed by Superior Home Builders, of St. Joseph.

Henry Graper Jr., Dowagiac city manager, estimated after last night's meeting that the total cost of the project would be about \$1.6 million.

## Investigation Wins Two South Haven Troopers Citation

Two state police troopers of the South Haven post have been awarded honorable mention citations by the department's board of awards at East Lansing for outstanding services to the department.

They are Trooper Michael Honcharenko and Trooper Terry L. Groeneveld, announced Col. John R. Plants of East Lansing, department director.

An investigation by Hon-

charenko and Groeneveld broke up the start of an alleged marijuana processing plant in August in Bangor township, Plants said. Three persons were arrested and 400 pounds of marijuana with an estimated value of \$30,000, a gun and \$4,200 in cash were confiscated in a raid on a farmhouse.

The case is still pending in court, police reported.

Honcharenko, 31, has been a state police officer for six years, the last year at South Haven. He is from rural Bristol, Ind.

Groeneveld, 28, is a native of Norway in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He has been a trooper for three years, all of them assigned to the South Haven post.

### Extra Pay Should Continue'

DETROIT (AP) — Unexpected overpayments ranging from \$800 to \$1,200 for 15 city employees have resulted in demands the mistake be perpetuated as well as remain uncorrected.

Approximately \$15,000 was paid out last month to general foremen and their assistants in the Water Department and Public Lighting Commission, city officials said, because incorrect figures were used in computing new pay rates.

Robert Frand, one of the 15 who received the raise, said he and his fellow employees are opposed to returning the money. He also said they should continue to be paid at the higher rate, "because our responsibilities have increased each day."

Now it is up to the city's Common Council to decide if it will play Santa or Scrooge with the unintentional, gift-like bonus.



MICHAEL HONCHARENKO



TERRY L. GROENEVELD

## Sgt. Mathewson Of State Police Dies

BAY CITY, Mich. — State Police Sgt. Stanley A. Mathewson, 44, formerly of the South Haven post, died unexpectedly here Sunday morning of a heart attack.

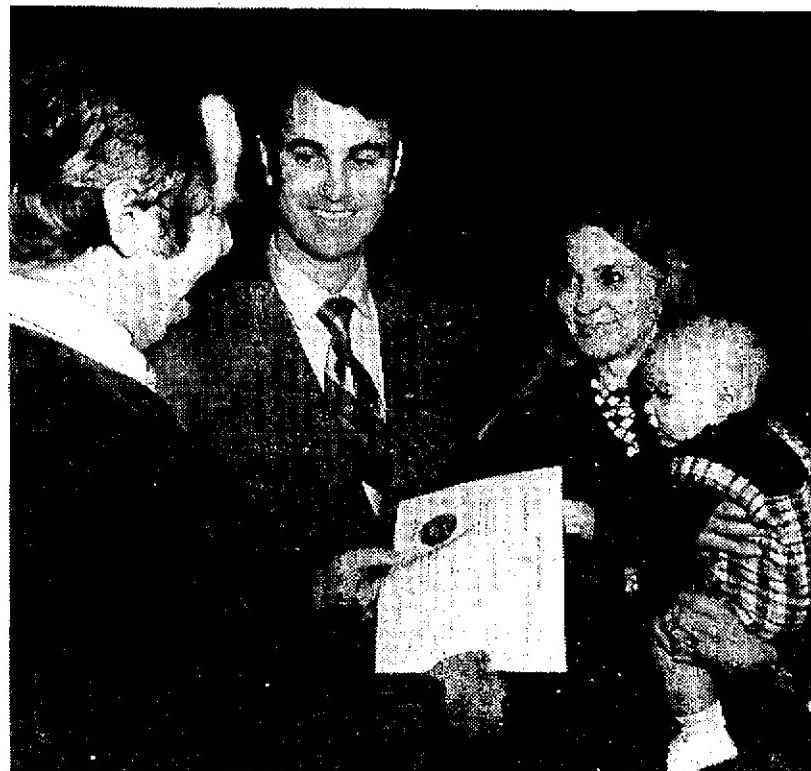
Mathewson, who was stationed at Bay City at the time of his death, served in South Haven from July 1963 to February 1966.

Mathewson was a native of Grayling. He and his wife had six children.

He joined the state police in 1956, serving in Gaylord, West Branch and Flint, in addition to South Haven and Bay City.

## Bridgman Concerts Are Rescheduled

BRIDGMAN — The annual Christmas concert of the Bridgman high school band and chorus has been rescheduled for Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. in the high school. It had originally been scheduled for last Sunday but was cancelled because of the bad weather. There is no admission charge.



BUDDING BARRISTER: Five-month-old Timothy Swan, Jr., reaches for certificate of admission to practice law held by Judge Julian Hughes of Berrien circuit court. Only moments before, his father, Timothy Michael Swan, 25, was admitted to the bar Monday. Swan's wife, Joann, held young Tim and stood with her spouse during admission. Swan practiced law with Berrien Legal Services Bureau in St. Joseph in 1971-72 and will practice at Crown Point, Ind., when his active Air Force duty ends in January. (Staff photo)

## Democrats Elect Berrien Leaders

THREE OAKS — Marvin (Rip) LaVanway of Eau Claire called for party unity following his election as chairman of the Berrien Democratic committee in a stormy committee session here last night.

LaVanway said he had seen division within the party, and promised to "do everything in my power to bring the party back together."

He then asked fellow Democrats to "put our petty differences aside and elect Democrats to office in 1974."

LaVanway, 44, succeeds James Keller of New Buffalo, who declined a nomination for re-election in favor of the new chairman rather than face a challenge by Mrs. Donald (Maureen) Kilgore of Berrien Springs and LaVanway in a three-way race. Keller held the chairmanship two years, with Mrs. Kilgore as vice chairman.

The new county chairman is president of Eau Claire village of Eau Claire, a post he has held about 10 years. He also is a past president of Local 1290, UAW, and is employed as a welder at the Benton Harbor division of Clark Equipment company.

Election of LaVanway came about an hour after the reorganization session of the county executive committee began at 8:20. Procedural debate necessitated three roll call votes before election of a county chairman was held.

Other new officers include Mrs. Joseph (Joann) Fleck, New Buffalo township treasurer, vice chairman; Mrs. Lloyd (Mabel) Payne of Three Oaks, manager of a state

license plate bureau, secretary; Glenn Fox of New Buffalo, treasurer.

Democrats elected Fox, Ronald Easton of Stevensville and Nancy Hendricks of St. Joseph township as trustees. The other trustee is Al Echols of Benton Harbor.

The 2½ hour session opened on a stormy note, as two roll call votes were required to decide the agenda. The question was whether the group would follow the state election laws in electing a chairman of the executive committee as its first order of business, or whether its first business would be election of a county committee chairman, as was previous procedure.

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TWO INJURED: Two persons were injured last night when their car was struck by a seven car Chesapeake & Ohio freight train at the county road 380 crossing in Covert township. Jerry Lee Young, 40, 640 Thresher, Benton Harbor and Franklin Barnes, 23, 558 Clay, Benton Harbor were transferred to Mercy hospital in Benton Harbor after undergoing emergency treatment at South Haven Community hospital. State police from the South Haven post said the eastbound train struck the vehicle driven by Young on the passenger side dragging it approximately 100 feet. Conductor of the train was Perry Hillman of Three Oaks and the engineer was Cecil Wycoff of St. Joseph. Both injured men were reported in fair condition this morning under treatment for fractures. (Tom Renner photo)

## South Haven Recreation Plan Revised

SOUTH HAVEN — A revised plan for developing a recreation boat launching facility along the Black river received city council approval last night.

The \$205,110 project calls for the construction of four new boat launching ramps, paved parking lots for up to 110 cars, a combination tennis court—ice skating rink and a building that would include restrooms and a warming area for skaters in the winter. The area would also include space for picnics and playground equipment.

The revised plan was recommended to the council by the parks and recreation board after it was revealed that the city might lose state and federal funding because the previous plan was devoted more to boat launching than to recreational activities.

Parks and recreation director James Dissette called the revised plan "economically and recreationally beneficial to the community."

If approved by the state Waterways commission and the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation the city could receive funding for all but \$36,405 of the project.

The council approved the plan by a 5-1 vote. Second ward alderman Tom Renner cast the lone dissenting vote on the basis that the way of appropriating the city's share of the funds had not been completed. In favor were mayor Richard Lewis and aldermen Douglas Watrick, Robert Warren, Rex Lineberry and William Andresen. Alderman Matthew Goerg was absent because of illness.

In other action the council approved new parking restrictions along Center, Kalamazoo and Indiana streets. Previously, parking was not allowed on either side of the affected streets. The new policy allows parking after 4 p.m. on weekdays and the entire day on weekends.

The council adopted a resolution governing the speed of watercraft on the Black river. Previously, boats were restricted to a five mile-per-hour speed limit but the new policy, recommended by the Department of Natural Resources, makes a boater responsible for the wake of his craft no matter what the speed. The resolution passed 4-2 with aldermen Lineberry and Andresen casting "no" votes. They argued that there should also be a speed limit on the river to discourage excessive speed by boats which do not create a wake because of the design of the craft.

The council introduced an amendment to the city firearm ordinance which more specifically describes the type of firearms which may not be fired within the city limits. The amendment will be considered at the council's January 2 meeting.

City Manager Albert Pierce informed the council that the federal government has increased its share of financing improvements to the sewage disposal plant from 50 per cent to 55 per cent of the \$459,000 project cost. The improvements are scheduled to be completed by February 1.

Pierce also reported that the city received its first federal revenue sharing check totaling \$54,563.

The council received a preliminary plan for financing construction of the proposed new city hall. Bids for the project, estimated to cost \$530,000, will be opened Thursday.

Pierce has proposed to pay for the new city hall with a \$350,000 loan from Citizens Trust and Savings Bank of South Haven, federal revenue sharing funds and by the transfer of money from a defunct workers' compensation fund.

The loan would be paid off from reserves in the city's Board of Public Works funds and anticipated federal revenue sharing funds.

The council set January 15 for a public hearing to consider a petition from Hawley Smith of Chicago that a portion of Black River street on the city's north side be vacated to allow him to develop a riverfront restaurant.

## Pediatrics Ward Study Authorized

BY TOM RENNER  
South Haven Correspondent

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The existing pediatrics ward is deficient by present-day standards according to hospital administrator Robert Traxler.

The ward can accommodate just five patients and lacks what Traxler called "nursing control."

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The finance committee said it will order a new \$40,000 accounting machine from the Burroughs Corp.

Public relations committee chairman Richard Rosga reported that the hospital's annual report will be mailed to residents of the authority next week.

Patient occupancy during November was 49 per cent of capacity as compared to 59 per cent for the same period in 1971. The average for the year is 49 per cent compared to 60 per cent in 1971.

## Dowagiac Wreckage Collapses

DOWAGIAC — A burned-out part of the Hedges-Driesbach Chevrolet building here collapsed last night, apparently due to the weight of accumulated ice and snow.

The south end of the building, which had housed the parts department and was standing vacant since last summer's fire, ruptured a gas main in the building and brought down power lines in the alley behind it.

Michigan Power Company personnel were called to shut off the gas and make repairs.